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SUBJ: AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO

FOR ARA AND SCA

1. I AM CONCERNED THAT THE DEPARTMENT APPEARS NOT TO HAVE TAKEN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON OR REPLY TO AMBASSADOR DE OLLOQUI'S REMARK RECENTLY REPORTED IN MEXICO CITY PRESS ON TREATMENT OF AMCITS IN MEXICAN JAILS THAT QUOTE YOU CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS UNQUOTE.

2. IT APPEARS TO ME THAT FAILURE TO DO SO MAY MISLEAD CONGRESS AND U.S. PUBLIC INTO THINKING DEPT AGREES WITH THIS VIEW. IT MAY ALSO REINFORCE WHAT WE SUSPECT IS BELIEF IN SOME PARTS OF GOM THAT WE ARE NOT REALLY SERIOUS IN OUR PROTESTATIONS ON THE PRISONERS' BEHALF BUT ARE JUST GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS.

3. I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO IMPRESS ON GOM (AND TO REASSURE U.S. PUBLIC OPINION) THAT, DESPITE THE URGENCY WE ATTACH TO THE DRUG PROGRAM, WE DO NOT BELIEVE A VIGOROUS PROGRAM AND THE ATTENDANT STRINGENT ENFORCEMENT OF MEXICAN DRUG LAWS ARE INCONSISTENT WITH FAIR AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED AND A RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

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